Minutes

OF THE

Seventy-Fifth
Annual Session

OF THE

Original
Corresponding
Primitive Baptist Association

OF NORTH CAROLINA

HELD WITH

Mount Carmel Church

PITT COUNTY, BETHEL, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 9, 10, 11,

1959

Next session convenes with Wilson Chapel Church. Located in Everetts, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1960.

OFFICERS

ELDER DORCINE STATON - Moderator, Bethel, N. C.

ELDER ALEXANRER DARDEN - Clerk, 514 Albemarle Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.

SISTER SALLIE WHITFIELD ..... Assistant Clerk Williamston, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE CORRESPONDING PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH, BETHEL, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, October 9, 1959.

Elder Dorcine Staton read for his morning lesson John 14. Sang hymn No. 3. Prayer by Elder Dorcine Staton. Elder Keevie Lee Hooks who was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon sang hymn 200 and chose for text John 15: "Let us trust in God," and preached. Elder Dorcine Staton who was chosen to preach the alternate sermon sang hymn 490 and chose for his text John 15 and preached.

Collected $11.06. Closing hymn 701. Dismissed by Elder Dorcine Staton.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION, October 9, 1959.

Elder Dorcine Staton sang hymn 189, prayer by Deacon Charlie Dugger. Elder Dorcine Staton announced the conference in order for business. Motion and agreed that Elder Dorcine Staton be chosen the Moderator of the Corresponding Primitive Baptist Association of 1960. Motion and agreed that Elder Alexander Darden be chosen the Association Clerk of 1960. Sister Sallie Whitfield was chosen the Assistant Clerk of 1960. Sister Mannie Dugger, Treasurer of the Association. Motion and agreed the corresponding ministers and messengers from our sister Associations be invited to take a part in our conference and feel themselves at home. Motion and agreed the Committee on arrangement of preaching from day to day be appointed and the Moderator appointed Elder R. S. Hooks, Elder W. Beach, and Elder L. H. Daniel, and they reported to preach at the stand, Brother J. J. Otterbridge, Elder Ray Scott, and Elder L. H. Daniel. Motion and agreed that Elder A. A. Darden be chosen reporter.

Motion and agreed that the Finance Committee be appointed. The Moderator appointed Deacon Charlie Dugger, Brother J. J. Otterbridge, Elder R. L. Hooks. Motion and agreed that the delegates from our sister Associations make their report:

Northeastern: Represented by Elder Ray Scott, stating that they are at peace and love one with another and desire correspondence to continue.. Their next Association will convene at Cedar Grove Church, 15 Mercey St., Newark, N. J., Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1960.

Mt. Ramah: Represented by Elder T. H. Daniel stating they are at peace and love one with another. Their next Association will convene with Beauty Grove Church, Upson Co., Thomaston, Ga. They desire their correspondence to continue with us, with a file of Minutes. Their next session will be the Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, -959. The session of 1960 at Prosperity Church, Muscogee County, Columbus, Ga.

Antioch: Represents peace and love by letter and a file of minutes. Their next session will convene Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1960. They desire their correspondence to continue with us.

Motion and ageed visiting delegates from our sister Associations and the letter and file of minutes from Antioch Association be received in this Association by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship to the delegates. Motion and agreed there will be a door open for accepting of new churches in this Association. Motion and agreed the names of all the visiting delegates be enrolled. Motion and agreed the Association conference close until Saturday morning at 9. The Finance Committee collected $3.13. Closing hymn No. 3. Dismissed by Elder Dorcine Staton.

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SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION, October 10, 1959.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. He read for his morning lesson John 17, singing hymn 189. Prayer by Elder Dorcine Staton. Motion and agreed to enter into business. Motion and agreed the list of churches be called and visiting delegates be called, and the minutes of Friday morning session be read. The same were read and received with all errors corrected. Motion and agreed the Committee on Arrangements make their report. They reported to preach at the stand, Elder R. L. Hooks, Elder W. Beach, Elder L. H. Daniel. Motion and agreed the report of the Committee be received. Motion and agreed to take up unfinished business. Motion and agreed to see where the next Association will be in 1960. The following churches put in their petition: Wilson Chapel, Zion Grove, Mt. Airy Church. Motion and agreed the next Association will be at Wilson Chapel Church, Everetts, N. C., the Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1960. Elder Willie Beach was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Alexander Darden was chosen to preach the alternate sermon. Motion and agreed Brother Jessis J. Otteridge to write the Corresponding letter for 1960.

Motion and agreed to appoint delegates to visiting sister Associations with whom we are in correspondence.

Northeastern Association: Agreed to send Elder Dorcine Staton Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1960.

Antioch Association: To send a letter and a file of minutes.

Mt. Rhama Association: Agreed to send Elder Alexander Darden the Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1959. To all the other Associations a letter and a file of minutes.

Motion and agreed the Association conference closed until 1:30. Closing hymn 3. Dismissed by Elder Staton.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

October 10, 1959.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator singing hymn 440; prayer by Elder Staton. The Moderator announced the house in order for business.

Motion and agreed the list of churches and the names of visiting delegates be called and the minute of the Saturday morning session be read. The same was read and received and all errors corrected.

Motion and agreed the Committee on Arrangements make their report and they reported to the stand to preach Brother Jessie Otteridge, Elder Roy Scott, Elder Alexander Darden. Motion and agreed the report of the committee be received.

Motion and agreed Finance Committee be directed to keep any accurate account of the money paid in and paid out during the sitting of this Association. Motion and agreed this Association take up the Association dues. Collected in this session $141.96.

Motion and agreed the Association treasury be counted. Found in the hands of the Treasurer $8.50. Left in the hands of the Treasurer $141.96.

Motion and agreed the Clerk have 150 copies of minutes printed and directed under the supervision of the Moderator. Motion and

agreed to donate the Moderator. Motion and agreed the Moderator and Finance Committee pay off all Association indebtedness.

Motion and agreed the proceedings of Saturday Evening session be read. The same was read and was received with all errors corrected if their be any.

Motion and agreed the Associations conference close until Friday before the second Sunday in October 1960 at Wilson Chapel Church, Everitts, N. C. Closing hymn 631; prayer by Elder Dorcine Staton.

ELDER DORCINE STATON, Moderator
ELDER ALEXANDER DARDEN, Clerk
SISTER SALLIE WHITFIELD, Ass't. Cl.

FRIDAY NIGHT DIVINE SERVICE, Oct. 9, 1959

Elder Dorcine Staton read for his Scripture lesson St. John 15, and sang hymn 189. Prayer by Elder Willie Beach. Brother J. J. Otteridge sang hymn 353 and took for his text St. John 17 and preached. Elder Roy Scott sang hymn 76 and took for his text St. John 15 and preached. Elder L. H. Daniel sang hymn 337 and took for his text St. John 15 and preached. The Finance Committee collected $8.50. Closing hymn 384. Dismissed by Elder Dorcine Staton.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON DIVINE SERVICE, Oct. 10, 1959

Elder Keevie Lee Hooks sang hymn 200 and preached Jesus with the Spirit of God. Elder Willie Beach sang hymn 16 and took for his text St. John 21 and preached. Elder L. H. Daniel sang hymn 383 and took for his text St. John 21. Elder Darcine Staton sang the closing hymn. The Finance Committee collected $24.50. Dismissed by Elder A. A. Darden.

SATURDAY NIGHT DIVINE SERVICE, Oct. 10, 1959

Elder Darcine Staton read for Scripture lesson St. John 1:1. Sang hymn 3; prayer by Elder Willie Beach. Brother Jessie J. Otteridge sang hymn 353 and took for his text the first chapter of St. John and the first verse, Elder Roy Scott sang hymn 41 and took for his text St. John 1. Elder Alexander Darden sang hymn 165 and took for his text St. John 1 also. The Finance Committee collected $18.00. Closing hymn 66. Committee $21.00. Dismissed by Elder Dorcine Staton.

SUNDAY MORNING DIVINE SERVICE, Oct. 11, 1959

Elder Dorcine Staton read for his morning Scripture lesson Eccl. 3:1; sang hymn 189. Prayer by Brother Rufus English. Brother Jessie J. Otterbridge took for his text St. John 1:5. Elder Keevie Lee Hooks sang hymn 200 and took for his text St. John 1:5. Elder Willie Beach sang hymn 16 and took for his text St. John 1:5. Elder Roy Scott sang hymn 695 and took for his text St. John 1:5. Elder Dorcine Staton sang hymn 415 for closing. The Finance Committee collected $41.00. Dismissed by Elder Staton.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DIVINE SERVICE, Oct. 11, 1959.

Elder D. S. Morton sang hymn 211 and took for his text St. John 1. Elder Alexander Darden sang hymn 41 and took for his text Daniel 9:3. Elder Dorcine Staton sang hymn 631. The Finance Committee collected $19.00. Dismissed by Elder Darden.

VISITING DELEGATES

Elder T. H. Daniel, 3322 O'Neal St., Columbus, Ga.; Ph. FA 7-5027.
Elder Roy Scott, 169 Warner St., Waterbury, Conn.; Ph. PI 6-2317.

VISITING ELDERS

Elder D. S. Martin, 1300 57th Ave., Washington, D. C.; Ph. ST 3-8187.
Brother Sammie Cherry, 223 7th St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

ASSOCIATION ELDERS

Elder Dorcine Staton, Box 337 Crawford St., Bethel, N. C.; Ph. 2071.
Elder Alexander Darden, 514 Albemarle Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Willie Beach, Rt. 2, Box 276, Robersonville, N. C.
Elder Keevie Lee Hooks, Rt. 1, Box 27, Macclesfield, N. C.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Brother Leroy Otterbridge, Rt. 3, Box 366, Williamston, N. C.
Bro. Jessie James Otterbridge, Rt. ,3 Box 368, Williamston, N. C.

DEACONS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Deacon Charlie Dugger, Rt. 2, Box 84, Robersonville, N. C.;Ph. 7012.
Deacon Luther Young, Ely City, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Alexander Darden, Association Clerk, 514 Albemarle Avenue, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Sister Sallie Whitfield, Assistant Association Clerk, 806 West Main St., Williamston, N. C.
Sister Clyde Knight, Union Clerk and Mt. Airy Church Clerk, 800 Bradly Ave., Tarboro, N. C.
Sister Mannie Otterbridge, Wilson Chapel Church, Rt. 3, Box 366, Robersonville, N. C.
Deacon Charlie Dugger, Zion Grove Church and Mt. Carmel Church.
Sister Clyde Knight, Mt. Airy Church Clerk.

VISITING DEACONS

Deacon Giff Rilgare, 1716 C St., N. C.
Deacon Rufus English, 1210 57th Ave., Washington, D. C.

CHURCHES ADDRESSES

Wilson Chapel Church—Everette, N. C.
Zion Grove Church—Robersonville, N. C.
Mount Carmel Church—Crawford St., Bethel, N. C.
Mount Airy Church—14th St., Pinetops, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,—The Lord has blessed us to meet the Seventy-Fifth Annual Session of the Corresponding, held with the Mt. Carmel Church, Bethel, N. C., Oct. 9, 10, 11, 1959.

We are glad to say that the good Lord has blessed us to meet another Association though many trials have met us along the way. But God has kept us. Let us pray that the God of heaven will be with us in this Association in peace and love one with another. Oh brethren, let us stand togcther in unity for God and not for man.

Your humble servant,

Elder Dorcine Staton

CHURCH PASSOVER MEETING DAYS

Wilson Chapel—Elder Dorcine Staton, pastor. Every third Saturady-Sunday in Feb., May, August, November.

Zion Grove Church—Elder Dorcine Staton, pastor. Every 1st Saturday and Sunday in Jan., April, July, Oct.

Mt. Carmel Church—Elder Dorcine Staton, pastor. Every 2nd Sat. and Sunday in Feb., may, Aug., Nov.

Mt. Airy Church—Elder Alexander Darden, pastor. Every 4th Sat. and Sunday in Jan., April, July, Oct.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—This is the Seventy-fifth Annual Session of the Corresponding Primitive Baptist Association. We have tried hard with God to help us to be in peace every year one with another, for we know it is good for brethren to be together in unity for God. Oh brothers and sisters, I know in God there is always peace. So let us try to keep it everyday for God has blessed us with peace. May God be with us always.

Elder Alexander Darden

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing the saints' feet are ordinances and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righeous will be eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

1. The Association will open and close with prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any but the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect upon the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his life, his failings or imperfections, and shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without first obtaining liberty from the Association.

8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in time of speech.

9. No member of this Association shall address another member in the term or appellation other than that of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any brother in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as this Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he choses, but shall have no vote unless the Association is equally divided.

13. No member of this Association shall join any secret order, and such shall be a violation of our faith and order, and shall be dealt with by their churches.

14. Any members who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules may be reproved by the Association as it may deem proper.

CHURCH RULES AND DECORUM

1. The Conference shall be composed of members of this church, together with any members of sister churches, that are present in fellowship, of the same faith and order, who have liberty to seats with us. Acts 4:23; 15:6.

2. Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer to Almighty God. 1 Tim. 2:1; Thess. 17:18.

3. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of Brother Moderator; and to whom every speech shall be particularly directed. 1 Cor. 14:26, 40.

4. The members' names, being regularly enrolled, shall by the Clerk be distinctly called over, and a significant mark be put to the name of all absent members. Acts 1:15; Neh. 2:18; 4:20; 5:16.

5. A door shall be opened, when thought necessary, for the admission of new members into the church; but none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent, and who shall first verbally relate their experience, or give an account of the work of God on their souls; and secondly of their faith and principles (if the church shall require it); and thirdly, the church shall make full satisfaction shall be obtained, the pastor, deacon, and Moderator shall manifest the same by giving them the right hand of fellowship, thereby receiving them in form. 1 Peter 3:15; Gal. 2:19.

6. No complaint shall be brought into Conference against transgressing brethren respecting crimes of a private nature, until the aggrieved party has compiled the directions given by our Lord in Matthew 18:15-17.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it. 1 Cor. 14:40.

8. Every query presented shall be thrice read; and, before it is received, the Moderator shall take a vote, and accordingly as there is a majority for or against debating it, it shall be answered or not. But the querist may withdraw it at any time—provided also that no intricate query shall be imposed or asked.

9. If the minority shall be grieved at any time, at the determination of the majority, they are hereby directed to make the same known immediately to the church, and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.

10. All the business of Conference shall be recorded by the Clerk and before Conference rises, the same shall be distinctly read and corrected, if need be.

11. Any member refusing to attend Conference, the same is in disorder.

12. Any member absenting himself from Conference, without leave, the same is in disorder.

13. Any member whispering or laughing in time of a public speech, the same is in disorder.

14. If two or more speak at one time, or any member speaks withuot rising and addressing the Moderator, the same is in disorder.

15. Any member speaking more than three times on one subject, without leave obtained, the same is disorder.

16. Any member being grieved at anything done in Conference, and shall hold his or her peace, and shall not let the same be known until Conference rises, and shall afterwards speak of the same, as it manifestly tends to confusion, it is hereby deemed disorder.

17. Any member speaking or acting in wrath or anger, or in a threatening, degrading manner, as it shames religion, wounds the cause of Christ, and grieves true Christians, it is hereby deemed disorder.

18. If the Moderator shall neglect to plainly and timely reprove any member transgressing any of these rules, or in behaving in any manner irreverently in the time of Conference, the same is disorder in him, and himself for the same is liable to be reproved.

19. The woman hath not a right by the laws of Christ to usurp authority over the man, and therefore ought not to speak in the church, only in cases of conscience, or in such particular circumstances that the nature of the thing may require it.

20. Amendments to these rules may be made at any time when Conference shall deem it necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Wilson Chapel	Elder Dorcine Staton, Brother Charlie Dugger	3	1						19	$26.00
Zion Grove	Elder Dorcine Staton, Brother Charlie Dugger	1							2	2.00
Mt. Carmel	Elder Dorcine Staton, Brother Charlie Dugger	2							2	2.00
Mt. Airy	Elder Alexander Darden, Brother Keevie Hooks	4	4						18	35.00

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MARTIN COUNTY, ROBERSONVILLE, N. C.

OCTOBER 6, 7, 8,

1961

Next session convenes with Mt. Airy Church, located at Pinetops, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1962.

OFFICERS

ELDER DORCINE STATON - Moderator, Bethel, N. C.

ELDER ALEXANDER DARDEN ..... Clerk

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Proceedings

OF THE CORRESPONDING PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE ZION GROVE CHURCH IN ROBERSONVILLE, N. C., OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 1961.

FRIDAY MORNING DIVINE SERVICE—Oct. 6, 1961

Elder Dorcine Staton read for the morning lesson St. John 17. Sang hymn 189. Prayer by Elder D. Staton. Brother Leroy Ortibridge who was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon came forth and sang hymn 395 and chose for a text the 23rd Psalm of David, and preached. Elder K. L. Hooks who was chosen to preach the alternate sermon came forth and sang hymn 200 and chose for his text St. John 1:1 and preached. Collected $20.05. Dismissed by Elder Dorcine Staton.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION—Oct. 6

Elder Dorcine Staton sang hymn 185 and prayer by Deacon Charlie Dugger. Elder D. Staton announced the house in order for business and for the work of the Association conference.

Motion and agreed Elder Dorcine Staton be chosen the Moderator of the Corresponding Association.

Motion and agreed Elder Alexander Darden be chosen Association Clerk. Sister Sallie Whitfield, Assistant Clerk; Sister Mannie Dugger, Association Treasurer, all of 1962.

Motion and agreed the Corresponding ministers and messengers from our Sister Associations be invited to seat with us in our Association conference and take a part in our business, and feel themselves at home.

Motion and agreed the Committee on Arrangment for preaching from day to day be appointed. The Moderator appointed Elder W. Beach, Elder K. L. Hooks and Elder J. J. Ortibridge and they reported Elder J. J. Ortibridge, Elder I. C. Phelps and Elder D. Staton.

Motion and agreed Elder J. J. Ortibridge be chosen reporter.

Motion and agreed that the Finance Committee be appointed. Deacon Charlie Dugger, Elder J. J. Ortibridge and Elder K. L. Hooks.

Motion and agreed the delegates from our sister Association make their report.

Northeastern of New Jersey represented by Elder W. Forrest, stating they are at peace and love one with another and desire their correspondence to continue. The next session will convene at the Mt. Olive Church, 1336 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. with a file of minutes, the Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1962.

Mt. Ramah Association of Columbus, Ga. reported by Elder I. C. Phelps stating they are at peace and love one with another and desire their correspondence to continue with us and with a file of minutes. Their next session will convene at the Antioch Church, Reynolds, Ga. the Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1961.

Antioch Association of Larame, Ga. represented by Elder T. O. V. Blackmon stating they are at peace and love one with another, and with a file of minutes, desiring their correspondence to continue with us. Their next session will convene at the Rhodes Chapel Peach Church, Fort Valley, Ga. Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1961.

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Motion and agreed delegates from our sister associations and the files of minutes from all the delegates be received in the association by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Motion and agreed there be a door open for accepting new churches in this Association. Motion and agreed the names of all the visiting delegates be enrolled. Motion and agreed the Association conference close until Saturday forning at 10 a. m. Closing hymn 505. Dismissed by Elder Dorcine Station.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION—Oct. 7, 1961

The Association was called to order by the Moderator singing hymn 492. Prayer by Elder D. Staton. The Moderator read for the morning lesson the first Psalm of David.

Motion and agreed to enter into business.

Motion and agreed the list of churches be called and the visiting delegates be called and the minutes of Friday morning session be read. They were read and received with all errors corrected. Motion and agreed the Committee on Arrangement on preaching make their report. They reported at the stand. Elder Willie Beach, Elder Alexander Darden and Elder W. Forrest.

Motion and agreed the report of the committee be received.

Motion and agreed to see where the next association will convene in 1962. The following churches put in their petition: Wilson Capel, Mt. Carmel and Mt. Airy. Motion and agreed the next Association will convene at the Mt. Airy Church in Pinetops, N. C. the Friday before second Sunday in October, 1962. Elder Alexander Darden to preach the Introductory sermon; Elder Dorcine Staton to alternate.

Motion and agreed Elder J. J. Ortibridge to write the Corresponding Letter for 1962.

Motion and agreed Elder Alexander Darden to write the Circular Letter for 1962.

Motion and agreed to hear the churches letters read. Same were read.

Motion and agreed that Elder Kevie Lee Hooks be dismissed from Assistant Pastor of Wilson Chapel, Zion Grove, and Mt. Carmel churches.

Motion and agreed to appoint delegates to visiting sister Associations with whom we correspond. Agreed to send Elder Dorcine Staton to the Northeastern Association. Friday before the first Sunday, September, 1962 at Mt. Olive Church, 1336 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Agreed to correspond with Antioch Association with a letter and a file of minutes.

Agreed to send Elder T. O. V. Blackmon to the Mt. Rhama Association the Fiday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1961, and to all the other associations a letter and a file of minutes.

Motion and agreed the Association conference close until 3:30 A. M. Closing hymn 507. Dismissed by Elder D. Staton.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION—Oct. 7

The Association was called to order by the Moderator announcing the house in order for business.

Motion and agreed the list of churches and the names of all delegates be called and the minutes of Saturday morning session be read. The same was read and received with all errors corrected, it there be any.

Motion and agreed the committee on Arrangements make their report. And they reported to the stand to preach Elder Kevie Hooks, Elder I. C. Phelps and Elder D. Staton. Motion and agreed the report of the Committee be received.

Motion and agreed Finance Committee be directed to keep any accurate account of the money paid in and paid out during the sitting of this Association. Motion and agreed this Association take up the Association dues. Motion and agreed the Association treasury be counted. Found in the hand of the Treasurer $41.85. Left in the treasury $41.85.

Motion and agreed the Clerk have 200 copies of minutes printed and directed under the supervision of the Moderator. Motion and agreed to donate the Moderator. Motion and agreed the Moderator and Finance Committee pay off Association indebtedness. Motion and agreed the proceedings of Saturday evening session be read. The same was read and was received with all errors corrected, if any.

Motion and agreed Brother Leroy Ortibridge be ordained at 10 a. m. Sunday morning by the presbytery elders.

Motion and agreed the Association conference close until Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1962 at Mount Airy Church in Pinetops, N. C. Closed with hymn 501. Prayer by Elder Dorcine Staton. Dismissed by Elder E. M. Bedney.

Elder Dorcine Staton, Moderator
Elder Alexander Darden, Clerk
Sister Sallie Whitfield, Ass't Clerk

FRIDAY NIGHT DIVINE SERVICE—Oct. 6, 1961

Service was opened by the Moderator singing hymn 3. The Moderator read for the Scripture lesson St. John 1:1. Prayer by Elder Dorcine Staton. Then the Moderator called the elders to preach. Elder Thomas O. V. Blackmon came forth and sang hymn 690 and took for a text the second chapter of St. Matthew and first verse. Elder W. Forrest came forth and sang hymn 570 and took for a text Matthew 2:1 also. Elder E. M. Bedney came fourth and sang hymn 353 and took for a text Matthew 2:1. The Finance Committee collected $13.30. Dismissed by Elder Willie Beach.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON DIVINE SERVICE—Oct. 6

Brother Leroy Ortibridge sang hymn 393 for the opening of the Divine services. Elder J. J. Ortibridge sang hymn 144, and took for his text St. John 15.

Elder I. C. Phelps sang hymn 200 and took for his text S. John 15. Elder Dorcine Staton sang hymn 440, and took for his text St. John 15. Finance Committee collected $10.80. Dismissed by Elder Elder Forrest.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON DIVINE SERVICE—Oct. 7, 1961

Elder D. Staton sang hymn 507 and called the Elders to the stand for preaching. Elder W. Beach sang hymn 16 and took for his text St. John 3. Elder Darden sang hymn 490 and took for his text St. John 3. Elder Forrest sang hymn 73 and took for his text St. John 3. The Finance Committee came forth and they collected $19.40.

Dismissed by Elder D. Staton.

SATURDAY NIGHT DIVINE SERVICE—Oct. 7

Elder Forrest sang hymn 530, for opening the services. Prayer by

Elder E. M. Bedney. Then Elder W. Forrest sang hymn 514 and called the Elders to stand for preaching. Elder K. L. Hooks sang hymn 364 and took for his text S. John 14:1. Elder I. C. Phelps sang hymn 337 and took for his text John 14:1. Elder D. Staton sang hymn 440 and took for his text St. John 14:1. The Finance Committee collected $21.55. Dismissed by Elder A. A. Darden.

SUNDAY MORNING DIVINE SERVICE—Oct. 8, 1961

The Moderator sang hymn 372. Then called the Elders for the ordination of Brother Leroy Ortibridge. Elder Dorcine Staton, Elder E. M. Bedney, Elder W. Forrest, Elder Alexander Darden, Elder Willie Beach, Elder Keevie Hooks and Elder J. J. Orderbridge, elders of the presbytery. Elder Bedney sang 353. Prayer by Elder A. A. Darden. Elder W. Forrest read 2 Tim. 8:1. Then the elders lay hands on Brother Leroy Ortibridge in ordination. Closing hymn 556. Elder D. Staton sang hymn 189. Prayer by Deacon Luther Young. The Moderator read for the morning lesson Eccl. 3:1. Elder Leroy Ortibridge sang hymn 372 and took for his text S. Luke 15. Elder Thomas Blackmon sang hymn 96 and took for his text St. Luke 15. Elder W. Forest sang hymn 619 and took for his text Luke 15:11. Elder E. M. Bedney sang hymn 340 and took for his text Luke 15:11.

The Finance Committee collected $48.00. Closing hymn by Moderator. Dismissed by Elder W. Morse.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DIVINE SERVICE—Oct. 8

Elder W. Forrest sang hymn 201 for opening services. Prayer by Elder W. Beach. Elder J. J. Ortibridge sang hymn 353 and took for his text Psa. 90. Elder W. Beach sang 364 and took for his text Psa. 90. Elder A. A. Darden sang 41 and took for his text Psa. 90. Elder D. Staton sang hymn 538 and took for his text Psa. 90.

The Finance Committee collected $28.40 for the ending of the Divine Service. Closing hymn 695 by E. M. Bedney. Dismissed by Elder E. M. Bedney.

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Elder Dorcine Staton, Box 363, Bethel, N. C.
Elder Alexander Darden, 519 Albemarle Ave., Rocky Mt., N. C.
Elder Willie Beach, Rt. 1, Box 275, Robersonville, N. C.
Elder Keevie Lee Hooks, Rt. 1, Box 27, Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Jessie James Ortibridge, Robersonville, N. C.
Elder Leroy Ortibridge, Robersonville, N. C.

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Sister Clyde Knight, Union Clerk and Mt. Airy Church Clerk, 800 Bradly Ave., Tarboro, N. C.
Sister Lucy Otterbridge, Wilson Chapel Church, Rt. 3, Box 366, Robersonville, N. C.
Deacon Charlie Dugger, Zion Grove Church and Mt. Carmel Church.

CHURCHES ADDRESSES

Wilson Chapel Church—Everette, N. C.
Zion Grove Church—Robersonville, N. C.
Mount Carmel Church—Crawford St., Bethel, N. C.
Mount Airy Church—14th St., Pinetops, N. C.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—This is the Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the Corresponding Primitive Baptist Association. We have trials along the way, but God has kept us in peace and love one with another. Oh, Brethren, we must live for God and stand for God firm and faithful every day and He will bless us always to the end. Amen. —Elder Keevie Hooks

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,—The Lord has blessed us again to meet in another Corresponding Association. We must be thankful in our hearts that God blessed us to see the Seventy-Seventh annual session of the Corresponding Primitive Baptist Association. Time and again we have said that we could not see, but our God let it be light to our pathway. We are not but few in number, but let us pray that we keep in peace and love. Amen. —Elder Willie Beach

CHURCH PASSOVER MEETING DAYS AND PASTOR

Wilson Chapel—Elder Dorcine Staton, pastor. Every third Saturady-Sunday in Feb., May, August, November.
Zion Grove Church—Elder Dorcine Staton, pastor. Every 1st Saturday and Sunday in Jan., April, July, Oct.
Mt. Carmel Church—Elder Dorcine Staton, pastor. Every 2nd Sat. and Sunday in Feb., may, Aug., Nov.
Mt. Airy Church—Elder Alexander Darden, pastor. Every 4th Sat. and Sunday in Jan., April, July, Oct.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state by nature of his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing the saints' feet are ordinances and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righeous will be eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

1. The Association will open and close with prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any but the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect upon the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his life, his failings or imperfections, and shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without first obtaining liberty from the Association.

8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in time of speech.

9. No member of this Association shall address another member in the term or appellation other than that of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any brother in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as this Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he choses, but shall have no vote unless the Association is equally divided.

13. No member of this Association shall join any secret order, and such shall be a violation of our faith and order, and shall be dealt with by their churches.

14. Any members who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules may be reproved by the Association as it may deem proper.

CHURCH RULES AND DECORUM

1. The Conference shall be composed of members of this church, together with any members of sister churches, that are present in fellowship, of the same faith and order, who have liberty to seats with us. Acts 4:23; 15:6.

2. Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer to Almighty God. 1 Tim. 2:1; Thess. 17:18.

3. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of Brother Moderator; and to whom every speech shall be particularly directed. 1 Cor. 14:26, 40.

4. The members' names, being regularly enrolled, shall by the Clerk be distinctly called over, and a significant mark be put to the name of all absent members. Acts 1:15; Neh. 2:18; 4:20; 5:16.

5. A door shall be opened, when thought necessary, for the admission of new members into the church; but none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent, and who shall first verbally relate their experience, or give an account of the work of God on their souls; and secondly of their faith and principles (if the church shall require it); and thirdly, the church shall make full satisfaction shall be obtained, the pastor, deacon, and Moderator shall manifest the same by giving them the right hand of fellowship, thereby receiving them in form. 1 Peter 3:15; Gal. 2:19.

6. No complaint shall be brought into Conference against transgressing brethren respecting crimes of a private nature, until the aggrieved party has compiled the directions given by our Lord in Matthew 18:15-17.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it. 1 Cor. 14:40.

8. Every query presented shall be thrice read; and, before it is received, the Moderator shall take a vote, and accordingly as there is a majority for or against debating it, it shall be answered or not. But the querist may withdraw it at any time—provided also that no intricate query shall be imposed or asked.

9. If the minority shall be grieved at any time, at the determination of the majority, they are hereby directed to make the same known immediately to the church, and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.

10. All the business of Conference shall be recorded by the Clerk and before Conference rises, the same shall be distinctly read and corrected, if need be.

11. Any member refusing to attend Conference, the same is in disorder.

12. Any member absenting himself from Conference, without leave, the same is in disorder.

13. Any member whispering or laughing in time of a public speech, the same is in disorder.

14. If two or more speak at one time, or any member speaks withuot rising and addressing the Moderator, the same is in disorder.

15. Any member speaking more than three times on one subject, without leave obtained, the same is disorder.

16. Any member being grieved at anything done in Conference, and shall hold his or her peace, and shall not let the same be known until Conference rises, and shall afterwards speak of the same, as it manifestly tends to confusion, it is hereby deemed disorder.

17. Any member speaking or acting in wrath or anger, or in a threatening, degrading manner, as it shames religion, wounds the cause of Christ, and grieves true Christians, it is hereby deemed disorder.

18. If the Moderator shall neglect to plainly and timely reprove any member transgressing any of these rules, or in behaving in any manner irreverently in the time of Conference, the same is disorder in him, and himself for the same is liable to be reproved.

19. The woman hath not a right by the laws of Christ to usurp authority over the man, and therefore ought not to speak in the church, only in cases of conscience, or in such particular circumstances that the nature of the thing may require it.

20. Amendments to these rules may be made at any time when Conference shall deem it necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Wilson Chapel	Brother J. J. Outerbridge, Deacon Charlie Dugger	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	20	$29.35
Zion Grove	Brother J. J. Outerbridge, Deacon Charlie Dugger	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	4.00
Mt. Carmel	Brother Leroy Outerbridge, Deacon Charlie Dugger	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	3.00
Mt. Airy	Deacon Luther Young, Elder Keevie L. Hooks	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	21	24.00
	Total	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$60.35